

REMARKS:

Claims 1-32 were previously pending in the application, and claims 27-32 have been canceled by way of this amendment. Thus, only claims 1-26 are currently pending.

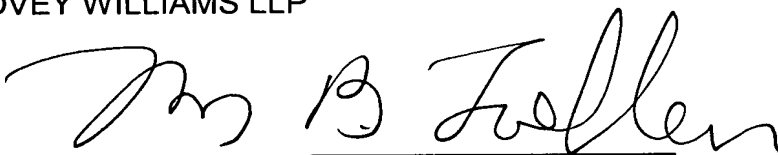
In the Office Action dated April 29, 2004, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-26 are allowed but that claims 27-32 are directed to an invention that is independent from the invention of claims 1-26. Applicant has therefore canceled claims 27-32, without traverse, in response to the restriction requirement.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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